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Fargo Man Pleads Guilty to Throwing Rocks inside a United States Federal Building

FARGO - United States Attorney Drew Wrigley announced that **Daniel Cvijanovich** of Fargo, North Dakota, pleaded guilty on May 31, 2006, before United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Erickson to three counts of damaging government property and one count of threatening to assault a Federal officer.

On three separate occasions, specifically on or about June 5, June 7, and July 11, 2001, **Cvijanovich**, 25, entered the lobby of the United States Federal Building at 657 2nd Avenue North in Fargo. On each occasion **Cvijanovich** threw a rock through a pane of glass which separates the public lobby from the secure portion of the building which houses, among other things, the local office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Attached to each rock was a note addressed to the FBI. The note attached to the July 11 rock was intended to be perceived as threats against FBI agents in the building. The message was reasonably perceived by the FBI special agents as threats directed against them in retaliation for the investigation of Leonard Peltier conducted by the FBI.

Judge Erickson ordered Cvijanovich detained and to obtain a psychological evaluation.

Cvijanovich is facing a maximum of 13 years' imprisonment.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sentencing for Cvijanovich will be set at a later date.